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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Yuma Regional Partnership Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Welcome/Introductions/Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First-Yuma Regional Partnership Council was held on September 20, 2012, 4:30 p.m. at the Yuma Main Library, 2951 S. 21st Dr., Yuma Arizona 85364.

Vice Chair Garza called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

Members Present:

Vice Chair Irene Garza
Council Member Kim Fanning
Council Member Ricardo Perez
Council Member Judy Watkinson
Council Member Mary Beth Turner
Council Member Laurie Gail Senko

Members Absent:

Chair Darren Hawkins
Council Member Gloria Cisneros
Council Member Rebecca Ramirez

Members Present Via Conference Call:

Council Member Pilar Moreno
Council Member Dr. Mario Ybarra (joined at approximately 4:46 p.m.)

Conflict of Interest

Member Moreno declared conflict of interest with Agenda item #6 Discussion and Possible Action on Recruitment and Retention of Therapist and recused herself from participation during the discussion due to substantial interest in funding as a recipient.

Discussion on Recruitment and Retention of Therapist

The Regional Council reviewed and discussed the cost of the Recruitment and Retention of Therapist Strategy. It is estimated the final cost of the strategy is \$174,660. This will include a total of three therapists (one of each: Occupational Therapist, Speech Language Pathologist and Physical Therapist) with each eligible to receive Loan forgiveness and Stipends. A motion was made by Member Watkinson to approve the Recruitment and Retention of Therapist Strategy as presented by First Things First staff, seconded by Member Turner and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present. Member Moreno abstained from voting due to conflict of interest with the agenda item. Members' Moreno and Dr. Ybarra disconnected from the conference call at 4:52 p.m. and it was determined quorum was maintained and continued with the meeting.

Consent Agenda

The items on the consent agenda included the minutes of the August 16, 2012, Yuma Regional Partnership Council regular meeting. A motion was made by Member Turner to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Dr. Ybarra and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Discussion on FY2012 Quarter 4 Data Report

Regional Director Rudy J. Ortiz provided a brief review of the FY2012 Quarter 4 Data Report. Success stories were shared by Community Outreach Coordinator Nena Garcia.

Discussion on FY2012 Financial Report

Among the items included in the FY2012 Financial Report was the total allotment, amount awarded and end of year expense and reimbursement activity for each program funded by the Regional Council. Member Watkinson expressed concerns relating to the low expenditures on the T.E.A.C.H. scholarships (Teacher Education And Compensation Helps). Further stating that some of the issues may be at the administrative level/process. Regional Director Ortiz will continue to research the matter and will communicate with the T.E.A.C.H. program specialist.

Discussion on FY2014 Funding Plan Timeline

The Regional Council reviewed the FY2014 Funding Plan timeline. A workgroup will be established to further discuss the funding plan and bring recommendations before the Regional Council for approval at the November 2013 meeting. The funding plan will be presented to the State Board for approval at the January 2013 board meeting.

Call to the Public

Erica Jiminez, Child and Family Resources Inc-Quality First Coach reported the ongoing success of Quality First Rating System in the community and collaboration among agencies continues to grow.

Easter Seals Blake Foundation Presentation on ECEI+ Program

Raquel Muñoz-Aguirre, ECEI+ (Early Care And Education Inclusion+ Program) Supervisor/Senior Coach, shared a powerpoint presentation which included the purpose, goals and accomplishments of the program.

Announcements

Recognition was given to Senior Regional Director Arnold for his outstanding leadership role in First Things First Yuma Regional Partnership Council.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Yuma Regional Partnership Council is scheduled for October 18, 2012, 4:30 p.m., Harvest Preparatory Academy, 350 E. 18th Street, Yuma Arizona 85364.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III

APPROVED BY:

Irene Garza, Yuma Regional Partnership Council Vice Chair

October 18, 2012

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